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SCARAB Members
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relief show at coolangatta**



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NOTICE BOARD

Hi all, please note that ADS are free for all members in this mag.

MEMBERS PROFILE : please email me your stories ASAP so I can get them edited and put them into the mag. Half to a couple of pages is fine.

If anyone has something of general interest to say , please put pen to paper and send it to me. Any old classic photos are always welcome !

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Note the SCARAB newsletter is also available on the Gold Coast Rockers internet site in the Newsletters page. goldcoastrockers.com

MAIN SCARAB runs

Runs are normally held on the third Sunday every month. This may be changed due to extenuating circumstances. All runs listed and mentioned in this magazine are considered as club runs for financial members on Historic Registration

Next Runs

Feb 05th **Saturday Night run to Ferry Road Diner**
Meet Shell/Hungry Jacks Mudgeeraba
5pm for 5.30 Departure

12th **Searchers Twin Towns . Own way to event**
Show starts 8.00pm EST (QLD time !!)

20th **Breakfast run to Eagle Heights**
Meet BP Coomera 0800 for 0830 Departure

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President's Report



Happy New Year SCARAB Members & Friends.

Welcome to another calendar of Good Times, Fine Cars & Rock & Roll! I hope you had an enjoyable holiday season despite ordinary weather and other influences.

My sympathies go to anyone directly affected by the terrible floods. Anita and I witnessed the January '74 floods first hand on the 'Coast, with minimal personal consequences, but the experience is indelible in our minds...

On a brighter side, an evening Cruise is scheduled to the "Ferry Road Diner" on Saturday night, February 5, after that is the 60's UK pop band, "The Searchers" in Concert at Twin Towns, 8.00pm (QT) Saturday night February 12, 2011.

These guys are very entertaining, playing heaps of songs you will definitely remember! The SCARAB booking is filled, but there were still limited seats available for direct booking, last time I viewed the Twin Towns entertainment site.

On Sunday February 20, a Breakfast Cruise to Eagle Heights Hotel is planned. Both Cruises are "weather permitting"... and more details are elsewhere in this Newsletter.

Members who would like to help plan or participate in the "Cooly Rocks On - SCARAB R'n'R Show & Shine" on June 5, 2011 are asked to contact me ASAP please.

Please send in your ideas for future SCARAB Club Events so that the Committee can plan ahead.

Until next month,

See you 'round...like a tyre!

Pete,

Peter Tully.

PRESIDENT.

Dear SCARAB Members & Friends.

I am disappointed to inform you that the inaugural "Cooly Rocks On - SCARAB R'n'R Show & Shine" Scheduled for Sunday June 5, 2011 has been cancelled due to withdrawal of the proposed sponsor.

I would like to thank those Members who had already offered their strong support to plan and run the event.

Maybe another opportunity to host something similar may eventuate?

I know I can still bank on support from Members' help during the "Cooly Rocks On Nostalgia Festival " in June.

*Thank you,
Pete,
Peter Tully.
PRESIDENT.*



Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club Redland City Australia Day Rally 2011

On Australia Day each year the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Club organizes one of Queensland's largest rallies for historic and classic vehicles. The event attracts over 500 vehicles ranging from the early 1900's up to the mid 1970's. There are usually cars, motorbikes, trucks and buses of every make.

Excerpt from PCCA Qld Chapter newsletter:

'This Wednesday is Australia Day, a great day to drive your American car to the Bayside Vehicle Restorers Australia Day Rally at Ormiston School. This event is the traditional start of the year for car activities in the region and will attract around 500 cars. It is also our first club run of the year.(PCCA)

The meet will commence at the Ormiston State School on Wellington Street at Ormiston. Entry is free, and gates open at 7am (or earlier). Actually, last year 200 cars were already on the grounds by 7am. Final number was 562.

At 9.30am, the display will disperse with the start of a number of local Bayside runs, all finishing up at the Alexandra Hills Hotel for lunch. Each run will have a morning tea stop along the way. So you can either just come along for the show, or do the half day rally and lunch.

" Entry is open to all enthusiasts of Veteran, Vintage, Historic, and Classic vehicles
"Entry is free (To enter just turn up on Australia Day, 26th Jan)
"A free breakfast is provided to all entrants



As we had never been to this meet, and with a free breakfast to boot (just getting in practice to become a pensioner haha!) Jeanne & I decided to go and catch up with our friends from the Pontiac Club.

With the 7.00 am start in mind, I knew we would have to leave by 6 am. I awoke at 4 am!!! - What an idiot!! I could've slept for another ½ hour.

I tried to get some more sleep, but to no avail. So up and into the shower, got dressed - what to wear? - 'It's going to be hot' Jeanne said, 'So do you want to be hot or hotter!' - that made my mind up - shorts, beach shoes, and an OZ T-shirt plus the Akubra, pretty cool, I thought.

Anyway, after the logistics of moving the HiAce and Jeannes' Camry, I got the Firebird out of the shed, and after checking all the fluid levels, we were on our way.

We got to the Ormiston School just on 7 am and there was approx. 360 cars already parked on the grounds. 500plus by 9.30 am.

The whole day was extremely well organised, with a veritable army of helpers everywhere. There must have been at least a dozen people just directing and marshalling cars into position. We were given a goodie bag which contained the obligatory Just Cars - magazine (I hope someone passes on our gratitude for their support, as they seem to be in the goodie bags at just about every car meet we go to).As the day is sponsored by Redland City Council, there was a plethora of material promoting their city- Tourist attractions, Dining Guide,

music sheet with words of our National Anthem & heaps of other glossy pamphlets promoting other car events. Three quiz pages & four pages of detailed instructions & maps of the 'runs'

We parked up and met mate Peter Sim, who has a really nice Trans Am, and then wandered up to the canteen area for breaky.

What a treat, 4 or 5 guys on the BBQ's, a couple of runners conveying freshly cooked snags, bacon & onions to the ladies in the canteen, who were organised into production line teams putting the food together. After passing through this line pretty quickly, we found ourselves in the beverage queue - Plunger coffee or Yorkshire tea brewed in the pot - if you don't mind!! 'How good is this' I said to Jeanne & Pete. There was also a table with fruit cordial & cold water. We sat outside the canteen area in a spot shaded by Fig trees that had wooden benches built around them. The kids who go to this school have got it pretty good - we only had gravel playgrounds when I went to school! One sausage sanga wasn't enough for me, but two was!! And then it was time to break out the camera.

I couldn't believe the variety of cars, ranging from beautiful old vintage limousines to the little Pommy cars that most of us grew up with.

I decided to only photograph cars we don't normally see at the car meets we attend .



We only bumped into a few couples of Pontiac club members, usually there is a very good roll up of Pontiac members, however the 'up before sparrow fart' must have deterred them, unless they are considering becoming members of the SCARAB latte set!



I cruised up and down each row, and by the time I had reached the far end of a row, more cars had been added to the other end. And then there were three separate areas, and then, and then.....

Phewww!!! did it get hot walking around the school grounds looking at cars. I thought I was going to melt into a grease spot. I could've done with a beach umbrella (and a beach girl to carry it!)

At about 9.30 it was time to get briefed on the runs. There were 4 different runs, varying in length



and time (to suit various cars, just imagine a baby Austin keeping up with some of the hotted up Holdens, etc.)

We would soon head off across the shire along the differing routes to suit the wide variety of cars, visiting a number of the Redlands tourist spots scattered across the shire and picked out for the morning-tea locations.

We decided to take Run 4 - the long run - 67 km & 86 min driving time. Our run took us through Alexandra Hills, Capalaba, Sheldon, Priestdale, Burbank, Mackenzie, Chandler and Gumdale ending at a lovely area called Minnippi Parkland. This was adjacent to the local model aeroplane club, where we treated to seeing remote



controlled aircraft doing their tricks as well as a jet (sounded like the real thing as it whooshed past) while we had BYO morning tea and met fellow Run 4 patrons.

Time to hit the trail came around quickly passed back through Gumdale, Manly West, Thorneside, Tingalpa and into Birkdale where the run finished at the Alexandra Hills Hotel. Entrants were able to buy lunch and a drink. \$10 a head for roast beef (slow cooked), chicken or fish and plenty of it!

We sat with some people from the Rambler Club who we met at morning tea, and enjoyed their company.

Raffles were held, and also a quiz (3 questionnaire sheets were in our goodie bag) with prizes as well! Jeanne excelled as a navigator, so I'll invite her along to the next one!!!!

We had a thoroughly relaxing and enjoyable day. And look forward to next years, Oz Day



Keep On Cruisin'
Rod Liefman

Nice cars Rod !! I never thought I would like the looks of a P76 but it looks great.
Ed



A Travellers Tale

Many years ago when Lex and I were in our "prime", we spent six months travelling through Europe/England/America.

We could write a book about all our "adventures", but one experience I will never forget happened while in Paris - we had arrived by train from Switzerland, it being a Sunday - no money exchange booths were open, so only had Swiss francs for cash.

Had a lot of trouble finding a hotel - all had "no vacancy" signs up, but one kind lady offered to exchange our Swiss money for French francs.

After walking for over an hour, came across a little hotel down a narrow alleyway - we thought great this one has rooms vacant - we were too tired to care what the place looked like - as it was either this or sleep in the street.

Inside we were greeted by a very pregnant woman who didn't want to see our passports (unusual in Europe), but insisted we pay for our room in cash in advance. Luckily we had enough French money to pay for one night.

Our room left a lot to be desired and there was no lock on the door, so we pushed a chest of drawers against it and that night slept with our valuables under the pillow!

Next day we checked out very early, didn't get much sleep the night before - it was so noisy with people walking up and down the stairs, slamming doors etc.

When we arrived in Holland to stay with friends and told them of our experience in Paris, they immediately starting laughing really loud!

WE HAD SPENT THE NIGHT IN A B...ROTHEL!!!!

Aah, the joy of being both young and naive.....

Lex & Suzanne Vandervalk



Then and Now !!



Cooly QLD flood relief Show

Mini Cooly Rocks On!

Charity Run, Show & Shine & Concert to Aid Flood Victims

30 Jan 2011

With only 2 weeks notice that this event was on, our Prez Peter Tully has done a great job to mobilise everyone interested in going, coordinate with Adrian at KOA as well as with CRO and SCARAB Committee persons, despite the fact that he was unable to attend himself, due to family commitments.

Well done Peter! Those of us who did attend, thoroughly enjoyed it on your behalf.

We assembled at the KOA Clubhouse around 1 o'clock - Scarab, KOA and a few Chrysler Club members, 20+ cars in all. We all assembled for a group photograph, which can be seen on the KOA website: www.koagoldcoast.com.au

Members present at KOA clubhouse: Mike & Marilyn, + mate Phil & wife Bev, new member ... with wife & daughter, John & Sandy Fosbery, dude with white ?mustang

Adrian gave directions for the run - nice & simple - out to the motorway, through the tunnel at Tugun, turn off to Kennedy Drive, then turn off and head to the Civic Centre - easy as.



Unbelievably we had hardly anyone cutting in on our entourage, so arrived at the Centre virtually intact in the same formation as we started!!

Some other members were already onsite: Ron Payne, Ian & his FJ and Tony & Sharon.

There were some 50+ cars on show I hadn't seen before, plus several that I had - view the pix.

We were joined by some other members, Sue & John Webro, Ron Payne, Ewan & Valda, Dave & Vivienne, Gary & Caroline and some others whose names escape me.

Nitro Magazine sponsored the Trophys and Mike Iurys' mate Phil - surrogate SCARAB for the day - won the best car of the show with his superb 32 Hot Rod.



Once inside the auditorium, we claimed a table on the dance floor, and without much further ado, the announcements began, pretty much as you would expect at a fund raiser!

Our table consisted of Ewan & Valda, Dave & Vivienne, Gary & Caroline, Jeanne & myself and we were joined by Blackie from GCR.

We were treated to some great music by 'Jimmy DJ' while The Chevrolets got set up. They were the first of several cabaret acts. They soon got underway with their 60's specialties and put on a nice show.

Their set was over after about a dozen songs, and we were again reminded about raffle tickets etc.

Cooly QLD flood relief Show

Jimmy DJ kept pumping out 70's Pommy Rock a Billy which was really palatable. I had a bit of a chat with him and he was surprised that I knew of some of the bands he was playing, such as Crazy Cavan & the House Rockers. Same era as the Straycats, but far and away a better band. I can't understand how Setzer got where he has, and they didn't. One of those wonders of the world I guess!



The Rebel Rockers family were there and dad Rebel was in his element with the music.

Next act was the Everly Brothers Tribute duo - Forever Everly. I was really surprised how good these 2 guys were. They sang lots of great Everly tunes from the 50 & 60's and the little fat one even looked a bit like Phil!

It's a shame that Don & Phil had that bust up years ago. The world of rock n' roll really missed out on their fab harmonies.

During the breaks Jimmy DJ still pumped out great music, Sid King and the Five Strings - singing Sag, Drag & Fall - which attracted a number of dancers onto the floor.



While this was happening lovely ladies were bringing around hot savouries to each table. Yum!

The next act was Toe Jammin' a 15 piece band - yes folks 15!! I think they were from a local secondary school.

3 chick singers: one didn't show, but boy, the other 2 made up for her. The first girl about 20y.o. started with The Lady is a Tramp, and then sang the best version of Mustang Sally that I have ever heard.

The second girl I think a little younger, also had a fabulous voice and belted out some great numbers like No Mountain High Enough.

Percussion: There was a guy and chick alternating on the drum kit and the Congas.

Saxes: 3 chicks - Alto, Bass & Baritone

Cornet: 1 chick, 1 guy

Trombone: 1 guy, he also did some singing and made some announcements about the music.

In case you haven't twigged it, they played mainly Swing - modern style a la the Squirrel Nut Zippers and The Cherry Poppin' Daddies.

If you get the opportunity to see them in concert, don't pass it up - you will be enthralled.

Another break while they changed bands Rebel Rockers family were still going strong - Boy if only I had mum Rebel's stamina. They remind me of the tune by Joe Franklin & The Highlighters - "Dance Me to Death"

The next group on was SNAP a capella quartet, they started with Sh'boom, which was incorrectly announced as the 1st Rock n Roll song. Wrong!! Wash your mouth out you silly man. Sh'boom was original sung by a negro group in 1954. - The Chords - I believe it was their only hit.

Cooly QLD flood relief Show

A few months later the Crewcuts - a white Doowop group, altered the lyrics slightly and had a greater hit than the original.

In 2004, Sh-Boom ranked #215 on Rolling Stone's list of the 500 Greatest Songs Of All Time.

FYI. The song credited with being the first Rock n Roll song was Rocket 88 - extolling the virtues of the Oldsmobile engine of the same name. It was sung by Jackie Brenston a member of Joe Turners band - (before Tina teamed up with Joe)

The song was based on the 1949 song "Cadillac Boogie" by Jimmy Liggins. It was also preceded and influenced by Pete Johnson's "Rocket 88 Boogie" Parts 1 and 2, an instrumental, originally recorded for the Los Angeles-based Swing Time Records label in 1947.

Anyhow back to the Snaps- they sang several medleys and other songs - seemed to have a liking for Frankie Valli (and the 4 seasons) material. Quite entertaining as they have no musical backing other than their own voices - hence a cappella

A Big break this time with Blackie Auctioning off a bunch of Petticoats. The highlight being Blackie & his humour!

At last a real Rockin' band - The Tailspinners, recently put together front man by Doug Wilshire formerly of the Chrome Daddies.

Did they fill the floor -well almost! There were only about 25 or 30 dancers out of a crowd of 150! I think the majority were there to see the final cabaret act.

However the Rebel Rockers never let us down They did a marathon Block thing with Mum dancing with dad, then son, then stepson! A treat to watch.

They are also hosting a Rock N Rollathon at Broadbeach Bowls club on Sunday the 6th of Feb.



10am -10pm. All proceeds to the Flood Appeal. Help this great cause. Be there or be square!!!

Old mate Ron from GCR was also on the floor digging the beat - another great guy with lots of stamina.

Well that bracket finally came to an end which seemed to disappoint our friends, Gary & Caroline & Dave & Viv who just happen to like Rock a Billy music.

Then came the big announcement

Elvis Dean Vegas was in the building!!! Big Fanfare!!!

Dean put on his usual polished act and had grey haired old dears lining up to kiss him. One even threw a pair of pink knickers to Dean to mop his brow with!!

Dean went through the early, middle and late years of the Kings music and didn't disappoint - a fab act. At the end of his show Dean introduced his band which included his son playing guitar.

The Legend Lives on!

Keep On Rockin and Cruising Main Street All Night Long.

Rod L





Club Members ride profile

Clive & Gina Bengel, Abigail and Lauren

I guess when Grandad was an engineer and Dad's an Engineer, destiny is decided and you inherit a love of all things mechanical. Growing up in England, the first opportunity to hit the road was at age 16 on a moped (aka 'slow-ped'!) in my case a Yamaha FSIE. At the time I thought I was king of the road, but looking back, the poor old thing couldn't pull the skin off a rice pudding. The 17th Birthday couldn't come fast enough and with it, a



license to drive a car and ride a 250cc bike. I passed both driving tests first time and immediately bought a Honda 400-4, with those beautiful Siamese 4 into 1 exhausts.



The car journey didn't start so well. My first car a Cortina MkII genuine 1600GT lasted 3 weeks before I wrote it off. Next, a wagon to slow things down a bit. I quickly realised you learn to drive 'after' you've passed your test! However, motorbikes were my priority through those first years of independence, culminating with a Kawasaki Z1000R.



A few mundane cars of the era, mini's, escort's etc. were concurrent with the bikes and after a goading from my mother that I would never amount to anything, wasting all my money on girls, drinking, girls, smoking and girls, I bet her I would have a Jaguar by the time I was 21. I made it with 3 weeks to spare, through the purchase of a 1972 (then 9 year old) XJ6 series I. She was a beautiful 1 owner

car, white with red leather. And so began my love affair with luxurious prestige vehicles. The image didn't harm the aforementioned pursuits either!

A few sports cars punctuated the following years, a couple of MG's (check out the Billy Idol hair-do!) and one of the most fun cars to drive at the time, a Datsun 260Z.



But my one main love was Jaguars, particularly the V12's... genuine 150mph cars... faster, quieter and smoother than a Rolls Royce. I owned 2 V12's, the first a 1977 Daimler double six series II. She was mint condition and when she reached the 150mph, really thundered down the road. The second was much much rarer. A Daimler double six series II, 2 door pillarless coupe.

Black with white leather, a real pimp mobile. It must be the engineer in me, but I could stand and watch the V12 with mechanical fuel injection tick over all day. It's an awesome donk!



A couple of nice bikes followed. I bought a house to renovate in not such a great area so the bike lived behind the couch. It didn't matter being so close to the telly, as tv's were much smaller back then!



Although probably regarded as a Yuppie, or Thatcherite, the 'worst' and 'best' thing happened to me at the start of the post Thatcherism recession. I got made redundant. With doom and gloom all around, I decided on a round the world trip. Starting with 6 months in the States, I bought my first Yank Tank, a '77 LTD with a 460 big block. I drove her 15000 miles through 32 States and she never missed a beat. And so began my passion for all... actually...no, 'most' things American. And my own little mind decided Cadillac was the Jaguar of the USA. The second 6 months was spent in Australia, where I fell in love with the weather, culture, weather, people, weather, scenery, weather, lifestyle and the weather. So I emigrated. I had worked out used cars were heaps more expensive in Australia than England so decided to personally import one. I bought a 1988 Jaguar XJ40 Sovereign to ship, but I'd only had it 2 weeks when I got offered a sizeable profit, so sold it and with the extra money, got into a Mercedes 500SEC. Another awesome vehicle in its time and I kept it for about 2 years when I got to the Gold Coast. A few years later, work moved me to surely the Classic Car capital of the World, Adelaide. Everyone has something in their shed, so I decided to join the crowd and during several weeks trolling the web realised my dream car, a 1959 Cadillac convertible was severely out of reach, but found a 1962 (the year I was born) Cadillac convertible. She wasn't the best, being from Washington State (where evidently, as in the UK, they grit the roads with salt in winter). But she was cheap! I'd heard horror stories about personal importing from the States, but my time over there taught me most Americans are honest, forthright, God fearing people and it helps if you know to ask the right questions.





So when she arrived, she was exactly as described - a bit rusty, but all there. I had one inner sill repaired, both outer sills replaced and an exhaust made. New Generator, Brakes re- shoed and drums machined, replaced wiper motor and 4 new tyres. She went straight through a South Australia roadworthy, without seatbelts! The S.A. historic registration is fantastic. You have a log book and can drive the car wherever, whenever, up to a maximum 90 days a year. After 7 years of fun, including holiday-ing the Great Ocean Road and moving back to the Gold Coast we ended up selling her at Wintersun '08. The sale was not through choice but the opportunity arose for us to start our own business and all the toys went to make it happen.

Last year we scraped some money together and decided to get another family friendly toy. Fancying something different, I looked locally first but with our rising dollar, ended up trawling the internet again. First criteria, a desert car... no rust please - mechanicals are far easier to fix. After much to and fro, we gravitated back to another Cadillac convertible, this time a '61. She had been with the same owner for 30 years. He and his father bought the car and restored it back in 1980 as a 'father-son' project for his step-mother. Despite not being the year I was born we prefer the '61.



It has a softened egg crate grill from the '59's and '60's and the top fins of the 'space race' inspired rear end are 2" higher than the '62. This car is great. The colour, 'sunburst' is not standard but certainly striking. Despite being an older restoration she has been little used in her hometown, Lake Havasu City, (about 3hrs south of Vegas in the Arizona desert & the site of London Bridge). No rust and the only thing

that didn't work were the wipers- they'd not been used for 30 years! I changed the headlights and then handed the car to Phil Harris of Carpliance at Buccan, just out the back of Beenleigh. Phil did the rest...seatbelts, compliance and roadworthy. Phil is a great guy, honest and affordable and I would highly recommend him. So she's now on the road. She's certainly not concours, but a pretty, useable car and when the odd ice cream or vegemite sandwich gets squashed into the upholstery, I won't be slitting my wrists.

Our current project is to erect a new shed which will increase our garaging capability to 6 car spaces. I guess they won't be filled too quickly as our house is ruled by Petticoat Government (I'm outnumbered 3:1 and those dancing lessons aren't cheap), but with the dollar at US parity/ 62 pence, it won't stop me looking!

Clives beautiful
61 Cady



Member's Ads

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Stan. stan06@yahoo.com

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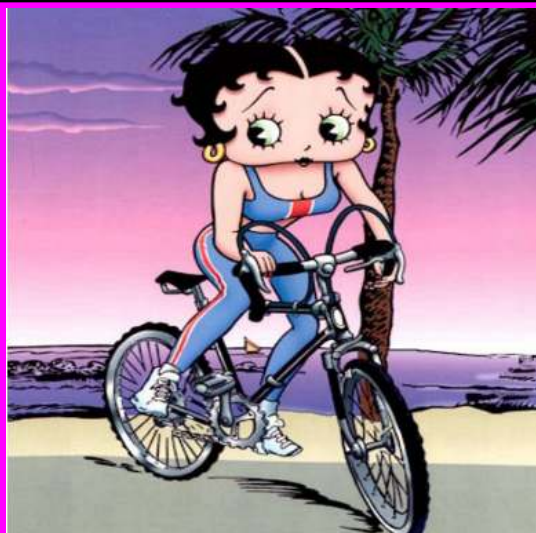
★ Rock 'n' Roll DJ for Hire

Introducing Popular Gold Coast Wedding & Party Disc Jockey DJ Dale Tompkins.

DJ Dale is a permanent resident at the Gold Coast has been entertaining at many venues from "Backyards to Ballrooms" with over 16 years experience. He Specializes in a wide variety of:

"Best of's music from all era's".

This wide variety of music fits really well with wedding receptions because they are attended by both grandchildren to grandparents. Over the last few years Dale has built up his knowledge of Rock n Roll music from the 50's and 60's as he has been strongly links with a major Rock n Roll Club on the coast & was the DJ at The 2008 Pan Pacific Masters Games Rock n Roll dancing competition. Any members/friends requiring music for their function do not hesitate to contact Dale on his mobile, 0409 470 789.



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Feb 5th Evening run to Ferry Road Diner

12th Twin Towns Searchers Show

20th Breakfast Run Eagle Hts

Mar 20th Morning tea Run TBA

Jun 03 -13th

